

SProSIG Officer Nomination

Send this completed form together with a resume or curriculum vitae to Keikichi Hirose [hirose@gavo.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp] by July 3, 2026.

Name of nominator (if not self nomination):

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Statement of qualifications and vision (200 words or less):

My research sits at the intersection of speech prosody, second language acquisition, and multimodal communication. Affiliated with Radboud University's Centre for Language Studies and the Donders Institute for Brain, Cognition and Behaviour, I investigate how learners acquire the prosodic features of a foreign language and how co-speech gesture can support that process. A central thread in my work is the gap between what prosody research tells us and what actually happens in language classrooms: learners rarely receive explicit prosody instruction, and teachers often lack the tools to provide it. Bridging that gap, most recently through a project aimed at developing English and Spanish Prosodic Proficiency Tests, is what drives my work.

Statement of willingness to take on specific roles (webmaster, maintaining the member roster and mailing list, helping with the video lecture series, coordinating bidding and running the voting for the SP 2030 venue, etc.) (100 words or less):

If elected as an officer of SProSIG, I would like to contribute to SProSIG being an inclusive organization in terms of language backgrounds, career stages, and disciplinary perspectives. Early-career researchers in particular should feel that this community is for them, and I would work to create concrete opportunities for their visibility and participation. One of the ways in which I could facilitate this is by continuing and expanding the SProSIG lecture series. Having participated in it myself, I think it is one of the most accessible and impactful ways to connect researchers across institutions and time zones.